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Guide to prescription medicines now available

Modern medicines are powerful tools in the fight against disease. They prevent, cure, and ameliorate many illnesses, and have saved millions of lives. The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association has prepared a booklet to help people understand medicines and assist users in the proper care and use of prescription medicines. For a free copy of the *Consumers Guide to Prescription Medicines*, which contains a form for listing the medicines you take, write: Larry Lucas at the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, 1100 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Tribute to black women community leaders

The "Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders" is a three-year-old program of the National Council of Negro Women designed to recognize and pay tribute to the historical legacy of black women as community leaders. This year's leaders are: Sonya Coatsworth, a student at Benedict College in South Carolina; Marla Johnson, a student at Cleveland State College in Ohio; Mamie Till-Mobley, a 72-year-old retired Chicago educator; Paula S. Taylor, president of the Jefferson Manor Community Development Corporation in Philadelphia; and Reese, a retired New Orleans school principal who organized the "Intergenerational Forum"; and Joann Nichole Watson, the executive director of the Detroit NAACP who works with battered women and laid off workers.

Violence against women

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala calls domestic abuse against women "An unacknowledged epidemic in America." She says that, violence against women is an urgent public health problem that has devastating physical and emotional consequences for women, children and families. In 1991, 5,745 women in the US died as a result of homicide.

Gilbert Casellas to chair EEOC

President Clinton has announced his nomination of the former president of the National

First black woman, Hispanic seated

by Sherry Burrus

Mayor-Elect Sharpe James makes City Hall his home for a third time as he was sworn in at the inaugural ceremonies at Newark Symphony Hall on Friday, July 1.

Newark City Clerk Robert Marasco swore in Mayor James and nine other city council members. Among those nine sworn in were Mildred C. Crump, the first African-American woman at large council member and Luis A. Quintana, the first Hispanic at large council member. The incumbents returning to office are: Donald Bradley, South Ward; George Branch, Central Ward; Anthony Carino, North Ward; Gary Harris, at large and outgoing

president; Henry Martinez, East Ward; Ronald Rice, West Ward; and Donald Tucker, at large.

Remarks were delivered by Marasco and Reverend Dr. William D. Wadley, Pastor of Saint James A.M.E. Church before the mayor spoke before an audience of hundreds of supporters making it obvious what his mission for the next four years would be—to improve the quality of life in Newark.

"When you call city hall and complain about dirty lots, sidewalks and streets, can you answer the questions: Who put the dirt on the lots, sidewalks and streets of Newark? Who put the graffiti on buildings? Whose children are stealing cars, doing drugs, 360 degree car sins, and selling drugs? Whose

children are walking around with beepers and fancy clothes while having no job? Whose children are loitering on street corners at midnight, showing their underwear and being loud and offensive? The answer is plain and simple. These are our children," stated the Mayor.

According to Mayor James, it was time for parents to start acting like parents and to ask themselves what they were doing in their neighborhood to improve Newark. He also had a warning for parents saying during the next four years parents were going to be held more accountable for their children's actions. "You can't be part of the solution if your kids are part of the problem," Mayor James said. Police officers will be directed to put an end

to open and flagrant drug trafficking, soliciting by prostitution, drinking in public and excessive noise violations.

Council member Crump and Quintana received warm welcomes from the audience as they reassured voters. Crump thanked everyone from her voters to her deceased husband. "Mildred Crump offers no nonsense leadership, but I need your help. I shall remain eternally grateful for your vote of confidence," Crump ended her speech with a singing finale thanking her voters once again. Luis Quintana, vowed to better the quality of life for Newark. "I will always work to the best of my potential. I am not going to be about wrong. I have three children; I have an investment."



Tyrell confers with Plainfield High School track coach, Ron Upperman

Green: Whitman puts UEZ in Jeopardy

TRENTON—Economic revitalization efforts in Plainfield will be seriously undermined as a result of the Whitman administration's proposal to siphon off \$435,000 from the city's urban enterprise zone fund, Assemblyman Gerald Green said.

The Whitman administration is moving to seize the \$435,000 as part of a questionable

\$15 million raid of urban enterprise zone assistance funds which would be used to help balance the state budget.

"Contrary to the assertions of Republican spin doctors, this budget is void of any language guaranteeing the restoration of urban enterprise zone money that is being

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Youth overcomes obstacles and makes US team

by Sherry Burrus

PLAINFIELD—"Track is the highest high in the world! It's higher than any drug you could take. I'm never nervous, not even before a track meet. Meets come and go. It's just natural, just natural."

These are the words of 18-year-old Tyrell Harrison who will run in the four by 100 relay as a member of the US relay team, this summer, in Lisbon, Portugal.

The 1994 Plainfield High School graduate and track star seemed cool, calm, collective and proud, as we talked on the glorious field of Hub Stein Field; and this protégé of Plainfield High School men's right coach Ronald Upperman has every right to be all of the above.

Perhaps it comes so natural for Harrison because it runs in the family; Harrison's older

brother, Bernel, introduced him to the sport, and Coach Upperman, who has been coaching since 1970.

According to Coach Upperman track is something Harrison does without really having to work at it, "Tyrell, was searching for something that he was good at and was appreciated for."

With only two years of training, Harrison has had an incredible career. He began running track in his junior year in high school and although he trained moderately, he advanced to the state finals. His senior year he exploded onto the scene, as the pace setter and role model for the younger athletes, but was not able to compete as an athlete for Plainfield High School.

By law, to qualify to run high school students must be eighteen and maintain a C average or better and although, Harrison felt

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SUMMIT '93 HEALTH COALITION

African Americans address health care reform

WASHINGTON, DC—Representatives of more than thirty national African-American organizations met this afternoon in a closed legislative strategy planning session of the Summit '93 Health Coalition in Washington, D.C. to discuss their mutual concerns about health care reform and how the various bills address the interests of African Americans. When the meeting at the national headquarters of the National Medical Association (NMA) concluded, attendees had developed strategies to ensure that the interests of African-Americans are not bargained away when Congress decides which benefits will be included in the final legislation.

"Health care reform will dramatically alter the care we receive. Reform is overdue. Things are being batted around that will adversely affect African Americans," said Dr. Richard O. Butcher.

The former NMA president serves as the president of the Summit '93 Health Coalition, a confederation of more than 150 primarily African-American organizations working to ensure that the African-American community's voices are heard and its needs met. Charter organization members include the Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.; the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); the National Association of Black County Officials; the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc.; the National Dental Association (NDA); the National Medical Association (NMA); the National Pharmaceutical Association; and the National Urban League, Inc.

The Summit '93 Health Coalition has launched an aggressive lobbying campaign on Capitol Hill to protect the interests of all African-Americans. "Our interests are not to be bargained away in any horse deals behind any closed doors," said the Summit '93 Health

Coalition president.

The ongoing health crisis in the African-American community is well-known nationwide. The African-American community leads the nation in the incidence of several major health problems, most notably cancer, high blood pressure, strokes, and infant mortality and is experiencing rapidly increasing numbers of cases of individuals afflicted with the HIV virus and/or AIDS.

The Summit '93 Health Coalition members point out seven essential positions for universal coverage and universal access in the final legislation:

- Affordable coverage regardless of health or economic status with no loss of federal or state health benefits currently received. We strongly support retention of current Medicaid and Medicare benefits with no or minimal cost sharing for the most needy. We endorse provisions that reduce or eliminate premiums and co-payments for people with incomes under 200 percent of poverty.
- Civil rights, equity and affirmative action standards that the federal government requires. These include laws against discrimination based on race, economics, health status, or anticipated need for health services, as well as set-asides.
- Laws and resources to support African-American and other minority communities in creating, protecting, strengthening and expanding the health care infrastructure in underserved areas. Essential community provider protection is critical to preserve access to vital health services furnished by those providers, individuals, agencies and hospitals that have a history of service to the underserved.

Increased numbers of African-American and other minority health providers in all specialties as well as an increased number of provisions care workers and entrepreneurs. Less than 5 percent of all physicians in the

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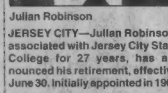
Renisha Brown wins for July 4th parade theme



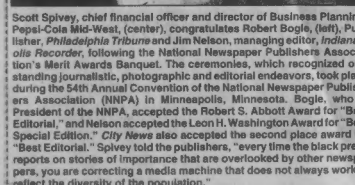
Renisha Brown (front center), recently honored for the Winning Theme for the 4th of July 1994 Parade, "A Time to Come Together," eloquently reflects the new spirit of America. Renisha, a 2nd grader at Barlow School in Plainfield, is the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year's fourth of July Parade theme "A Time to Come Together," celebrates the many unifying efforts of the towns in the Plainfield Metropolitan Area, including North Plainfield, Denville, Scotch Plains, Greenbrook, and South Plainfield. Also pictured, (l-r) Renisha's mother, Carolene Brown; brother, Andre Brown; stepfather, George Holloway; grandparents, Delson Leo Brown and Melister Ella May Brown.

Ronald Blakney receives national PTA award

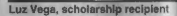
Robinson retires from JCSC



Top award winners



Vega receives Peter Small Memorial Scholarship



The one year, full-tuition scholarship is presented annually to the student who best exemplifies the life and service of Peter S. Small, an NJIT student who died suddenly while playing soccer with fellow students on the campus green on May 11, 1979.

East Orange teacher Ronald

He believes that too many inner-city youths are embracing unacceptable role models and that educators and parents must take an active and positive role in children's lives to ensure their success.

The scholarship helps a lot. It relieves the stress of thinking about how to pay for school, and it will make me do more and go farther because I have to prove to myself and to NJIT that it was worthwhile for them to give me this award."

Coping

by Dr. Charles Faulkner

Grown men don't cry

You have written many columns about male-female relationships. Maybe you should tell men that they should not cry in front of grown women. My boyfriend and I were alone in my apartment enjoying a quiet evening at home we were listening to soft music which created a generally sentimental mood.

Suddenly, my boyfriend put his arms around me and he started crying like a baby. Tears ran down his face in a stream. I couldn't tolerate it and pushed him away. I was ashamed to have a boyfriend who was so childish that he had to let his lady see him crying. To me, this is a weak act and I lost

When I told my girlfriends about his behavior, they almost laughed at me for having such a sissy as a boyfriend. I don't even want to invite him to

I think that you need to write a column to tell men to stop crying and acting like babies around their women.

Dear Ms. R.:

I believe that I should write a column that helps men and women understand the deep seated emotional needs that each of us has.

I feel that you should replace your resentment with sensitivity and respect. Perhaps your boyfriend was feeling the very deepest Sense of sentimentality and love for you. He was releasing every ounce of emotion and lowering all inhibitions. Few people lower their inhibitions, even when they have been married for years.

This behavior of your boyfriend represented his trust in you—trust that you would understand that his tears meant that he wanted to expose the depths of his emotions to you. He had no fear that you would reject him. His tear indicated an opening of the door to his heart. He allowed you to peer inside of him. He placed his emotional happiness in your hands. He gave over control of his feelings to you. He trusted you totally. You should be proud that any man would place so much trust in you. Few men place total trust in anyone. Few women lower the protective curtain with which they surround themselves.

The fact is that most men long to expose their bare emotions to a woman, but think that their lady will misinterpret their behavior. It takes a lot of guts for a man to let his lady see him cry. Those tears represent the power of his love for you, as well as the strength of his manhood. You will seldom see it, so you will seldom know how deep his love goes.

However, since women expect to see only the rough, tough, frazzled side of men, that is what they get. Yet most women yearn to be treated lovingly and gently, compassionate and sensitively. But most men know that they will be thought of as less than men, so they hide this aspect of their emotions.

You should not have told your girlfriends about this incident. It was personal. You violated your boyfriend's trust. You certainly would not want him to speak publicly about every deep expression of emotion that you make.

Also you should not have rejected him. You should be proud that he trusted you with his emotions. He took a great risk in doing so. You should have held him in your arms and returned his expression of emotion. You should interpret his tears as an indication of your ability to elicit such a deep expression of emotions from a man, who in fact, is supposed to hide his true feelings from his lady.

After the incident, will he ever express himself so deeply again? Will you be so fortunate as to find a man who trusts you so deeply again? I hope so.

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National Black News SURVEY

by Robert N. Taylor

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General Counsel to the United States Air Force. He will go before the Congress for confirmation.

by Robert N. Taylor

More blacks living to be 100 and older

Despite a host of social and economic factors working to shorten the lives of African Americans, more and more blacks are living to be 100 years old and older. In fact, a greater proportion of blacks than whites are reaching the century mark. According to the latest Census Bureau figures, although blacks constitute only 12 percent of the total U.S. population they account for about 17 percent of those who are 100 years old or older. Overall, however, blacks on average still have shorter life spans than whites even though black women live longer than white men.

NAACP forced to reorganize and cut staff

The NAACP was recently forced to cut ten people from its staff, and selective director Benjamin Chavis laid further cuts will be made within the next 30 days. The organization faces a \$2.7 million deficit. Under Chavis, group membership has been growing but the organization was hit this year with a \$680,000 court judgment which it had to pay in cash and its television image awards program has lost nearly \$1.5 million over the last four years. According to Chavis, "The goal of the reorganization is to improve our effectiveness and efficiency."

Settlement reached in Alabama mixed-race student case

A 17-year-old Alabama student who is the daughter of a white father and a black mother has reached a financial settlement with the state. (Continued on page 10)

White House AIDS policy office falls short

by AIDS Action Council

One year after the appointment of the first White House AIDS policy coordinator, AIDS Action Council and AIDS advocates across the country view the coordinator's office as yet another bureaucratic road block standing in the way of a coordinated federal response to the AIDS epidemic.

"The AIDS epidemic is growing more complex and intransigent. We need a White House coordinator that keeps AIDS in the center of the president's radar screen, not a public relations spokesperson who spends time giving speeches and making public appearances," says Daniel T. Bross, AIDS Action executive director. "The Office of National AIDS Policy, headed by Kristine Gebbie, is not meeting the mission hoped for by thousands of AIDS advocates. Although we continue to share our concerns with members of the Clinton administration, no action has been taken to date. Unfortunately, AIDS is still an issue that the White House prefers to dance around instead of embracing as a top domestic priority."

Among other things, the office has failed to effectively advocate within the administration and on Capitol Hill for increased federal funding for HIV/AIDS programs; collaborate with federal departments and agencies to develop a comprehensive federal AIDS plan; and work with the president to promote public leadership in fighting the AIDS epidemic.

"We would like to see the Office of the National AIDS Policy function simultaneously as a SWAT team and as a shuttle diplomacy group—responding swiftly to AIDS policy crises as well as building wider consensus within the federal bureaucracy on steps to be taken. Serious evaluation and reorganization of this office is badly needed."

Gebbie was formally appointed by President Bill Clinton on June 25, 1993, and began work in Washington on August 1, 1993. The appointment

of a White House AIDS policy coordinator was seen by the AIDS communities as the fulfillment of a Clinton campaign promise and one of many steps needed to bring urgent attention to the AIDS crisis.

Over 20 federal agencies and departments maintain AIDS programs, but there is little coordination among them. In assessing the contribution of the AIDS policy office, AIDS Action recalled the recommendations of two coalitions—National Organizations Responding to AIDS and Federal HIV/AIDS Agenda '93. Both coalitions made specific recommendations during the presidential transition about how the office might work.

AIDS Action welcomed the appointment of an experienced public health official with expertise in HIV/AIDS prevention. But the organization's disappointment and disaffection with the office are growing. Gebbie's office has been plagued by misuses and an ill-defined sense of mission. AIDS Action and many fellow advocates now feel that the office has actually become a stumbling block to the development and implementation of better policies.

AIDS Action Council, founded in 1984, is the only national organization devoted solely to lobbying the federal government on AIDS policy, legislation and funding. AIDS Action Council represents more than 1000 community-based AIDS service organizations throughout the United States.

AIDS Action Council urges President Clinton to listen to AIDS communities

As we approach the first anniversary of Kristine Gebbie's appointment as the National AIDS Policy Coordinator, AIDS Action Council urges the President to listen to the AIDS community and designate a special assistant at the White House who is responsible for keeping the President informed and involved in all AIDS-related decision making and assuring that the domestic policies of the Administration include appropriate consideration of AIDS-related issues.

Below are two "agendas" statements developed by the AIDS community during the Presidential transition. The

first was developed by the National Organizations Responding to AIDS, a coalition of national organizations that work to influence federal AIDS policy. The second is from the "Federal HIV/AIDS Agenda '93 Project," an ad hoc coalition convened by nine national AIDS organizations.

National organizations responding to AIDS

In December 1992, the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), convened by AIDS Action Council, issued an AIDS Agenda for the Clinton Administration and the 103rd Congress. The agenda was

endorsed by 42 national AIDS, public health, civil rights, and research organizations. The agenda's relevant statements are:

- Convene an interdepartmental task force to develop the comprehensive national plan called for by the National Commission on AIDS. Ask the interdepartmental task force to determine what administrative mechanisms are needed to assure a coordinated response within the Department of Health and Human Services and among Cabinet agencies. Include in this assessment should

be a streamlining of AIDS community input, including persons living with HIV, into the decision-making process of all AIDS programs and the consideration of a government-wide community advisory board to review and advise federal agencies and the interdepartmental task force on policies and programs.

- Designate a special assistant at the White House who is responsible for keeping the President informed and involved in all AIDS-related decision making and assuring that the

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South African labor leader addresses CBTU convention

Orlando, FL.—At the recent 23rd Annual Convention of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), South African labor leader, Zwelinzima Vavi became the first black South African trade unionist to address black Americans since his country's historic elections.

Speaking to the 2,000 delegates at the CBTU convention in Orlando, Florida, Vavi, a member of the 1.3-million-member Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), said:

"I am moved to be the first to thank you—not through a letter, but in person, for all the things you have done for us. Words cannot describe how important your timely and consistent efforts were to our cause. The rallies you organized, the boycotts you supported, and the financial assistance that you provided helped free us from the hell of apartheid. You are truly beautiful people of Africa. We understand why black Americans, in particular, feel so connected to the struggle and freedom of South Africans. After all, Africa belongs to you as well. South Africa is your home, too."

Vavi reminded the CBTU delegates of the "hideous legacy of apartheid" that South Africa must now confront.

- Nearly half of South Africans are unemployed.
- Four million of South Africa's black population are homeless.
- Seven million black South Africans live in crushing poverty.
- Four out of every ten black children die of diseases linked to poverty before they reach the age of five.

Stating that there will be "no stability at home unless the basic needs of our people are met," Vavi outlined the great challenge facing South Africa's labor movement. COSATU, which is the biggest trade union federation in South Africa, is a relatively young, but powerful federation. It's victories, to date, include the extension of basic employment conditions to farm and domestic workers, the Agriculture Act, the Public Sector Act, and the Teachers Act.

Vavi, who, himself, was detained without cause by the former South African government on many occasions, including in 1989 for three months by the South African police, called on CBTU members to continue its support in helping COSATU shape South Africa's future.

"The challenge facing us all is to ensure that the universal slogan of the

workers, 'An injury to one, is an injury to all' does not become an empty slogan. International worker solidarity means that workers should be mobilized throughout the world into one machinery, one that does not receive financial contributions from one another, but an international movement that is ready to take action across artificial national borders."

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OPINION EDITORIAL

The signs of the times

The signs are clear that change is on the horizon. It appears from the political hands recently dealt that African Americans in New Jersey are beginning to play their hand differently and even holding some trump cards.

No longer can politicians make promises during election time and disappear only to return for the black vote for the next election.

Mildred Crump's overwhelming win for Newark City Council should also tell our tried and true politicians that fresh ideas and guts to speak out are the order of the day.

Winning against the odds seems to be Mayor Cardell Cooper's modus operandi. His success against the Essex County machine should tell the powers that be that it's a new day.

We wish all winning candidates success as they fulfill their obligations to their constituencies—serving the good of the people.

Letter to the editor

A school district in jeopardy

Dear Editor:

Though State of New Jersey Commissioner of Education, Leo Kladholz, is steadfast on his decision not to make comments regarding the status of the Newark school district takeover until he receives the Comprehensive Commission Investigation (CCI) results, the issue has been rehearsed in the news headlines as though he changed his mind.

Robert Braun, Star-Ledger reporter, has openly pushed for a state takeover of the Newark school system. This fact is evidenced by his zealous assistance to the previous state commissioner, Mary Lee Fitzgerald, giving publicity on every move of the CCI, biased news articles and stormy editorials over the last ten years. It seems as though they (the state) were unable to do their job to make a decision based on fact finding from the results of the consultants they hired to study Newark.

Kudos to Commissioner Kladholz for not responding to the media's hype nor being prompted to exhibit an unprofessional approach to this takeover dilemma as did his predecessor, Ms. Fitzgerald. A commissioner should not be biased, especially since that individual will make the decision to order a takeover. Thank goodness that the public has had an opportunity to witness the difference among many education commissioners in handling of their posts. Mr. Kladholz has already gallantly demonstrated that he will not be pressured into giving a premature decision.

Let us not forget that senate education committee members pressure to revise the takeover law so that it will not allow a school district the right to attorneys nor an appeal if their district were ordered to be seized. They also are writing legislation to extend the takeover timeline to allow themselves two additional years for returning seized school districts to local control.

With a vote from the legislators and a stroke of Governor Christine Whitman's pen, the decision was made to eliminate the state board. This decision has blown a deep crater into the due process portion of the current takeover law. According to the takeover law, the State Board of Education was the governance body that would make the final determination and issue an order to the commissioner to seize a school district.

Who will make the final determination to seize a school district now? Will the state be given the opportunity to have additional time as they requested? Since there is not much difference in the level of progress in a state operated school district and the districts in Level III of the monitoring process, in terms of improved test scores and attendance, will local school districts be given the same consideration to have more time than there are too many loop holes in the takeover law. And, I am certain that if the people had known the end result of this takeover situation, they would never have allowed this law to be passed in this first place!

Patricia J. Bradford

Life's little instructions

Act with courtesy and fairness
regardless of how others treat you.
Don't let them determine your
response

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by Connie Woodruff

This will truly be a summer of discontent if voters have to make another trip to the polls to decide whether Tom Giblin, the recently re-elected Democratic Party Chairman or Cardell Cooper will be the Democratic candidate for county executive.

Many people are becoming outright hostile when they talk about the bizarre outcome of the primary election that is now reported to be a tie vote between Giblin and Cooper with no chance of agreement on the fairest way to break the tie except another election for that express purpose.

Cooper will surely not negotiate leave the tie-breaking to members of the Democratic county committee that re-elected Giblin county chairman less than two weeks ago and Giblin supporters will most surely opt to follow the letter of the law that provides for county committeemen and women to render the decision.

There is no precedent because this has never happened before in any primary election in Essex County. The situation has all the elements for potential political suicide.

Voters are tired of campaigns and campaigners. They are tired of being divided against each other

and the chiding many receive from Republicans who have launched an outreach program for dissident Democrats.

Meantime, on suspects Armando Fontoura and Carole Graves, candidates for sheriff and register of deeds and mortgages are not among this summer's happy campers. They have to run on a ticket headed by the candidate for county executive and will not be able to get their campaigns into full gear until the quibble over the county executive seat is settled.

Nobody knows better than Tom Giblin how lonely it is at the top right now.

In an effort to allow candidates for municipal offices to raise funds for local campaigns, Giblin exercised the prerogative of chairman and postponed the annual county Spring fund-raiser until last week.

It was a clumsy decision on the eve of the first long holiday weekend. It was not surprising the attendance was not up to usual Democratic Party strength of the thousand plus faithful of past years.

Not even the opportunity to honor four party pioneers into the newly formed Essex County Democratic Party Hall of Fame was enough to lure loyalists to Newark. But to Giblin's

credit the show went on as planned.

Collectively, the four inductees represent nearly four hundred years of service to the Democratic Party and they were presented by other equally popular party activists.

Assemblywoman Nia Gill presented her Montclair chairman, William "Bill" Brach, an attorney with forty years service to the rank and file and elected officials.

Former county vice chairman Queen E. James was presented by former Freeholder Peter Beatty. James traced her party roots back to the first Roosevelt administration and has served as vice chairman in Newark's South Ward, as well as in the county.

John Cryan began his political career as a member of the Newark Parking Authority and held the offices of assemblyman, undersheriff, sheriff, and chief of staff for the first county executive. He was presented by Giblin.

Retired law professor, Frank McQuade, introduced Hall of Famer, Mac Mahr of Montclair as the Dean of Essex County Democrats. Mahr, a forceful 90 plus, has been a committeewoman in Montclair since 1926. A former Montclair vice chairman, she served in the same office at the county level, was Freeholder and is the only woman in

Essex to serve as county chairman for the Democratic Party.

There was as much speculation about familiar faces that were missing at about former party activists who attended.

Mayor Cooper was not expected to attend but there was Reilly of Montclair and Newark's Bost, now Mayor of Irvington did not. Former Irvington Mayor Mike Steele huddled with folks like East Orange councilman Phil Thigpen, Orange Mayor Bob Brown and county vice chairwoman Alberta Daniels.

Council representatives for East Orange in addition to Thigpen included council president Yvonne Blake, Carol Clarke and Carolyn Meacham.

Eulius "Honey" Ward was another old timer with words of wisdom for activists like Cathy Willis of East Orange, Bobby Reilly of Montclair and Newark councilwoman Mildred Crump.

Former county exec Peter Shapiro who still holds the record of being Essex County's youngest Freeholder and county executive, had a long conversation with Ray and Joan Durkin. Durkin was county chairman during Shapiro's

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He is innocent until proven guilty

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

It's extremely difficult to believe that O.J. Simpson will receive a fair trial—if his case does in fact go to trial. In light of the unprecedented extensive media coverage during these preliminary hearings and the pretrial publicity, it is hard to believe the real facts or truths of the case, O.J. Simpson's is being tried in

the media, whether it's fair or not. Every major television network is carrying the preliminary hearings live, and virtually every newspaper, magazine, news show, talk show, talk show, etc., have assigned pools of reporters, producers, anchors and other personalities to cover this story.

Depending on the day, the leak, the gossip, innuendoes, rumors etc., we can witness O.J. Simpson being portrayed as abusive, violent, obsessed, cunning etc., and probably guilty.

Current polls are being conducted that chase supposedly "fact" or evidence uncovered; mock juries are being filmed live watching the proceedings giving their "instant" verdicts; individuals who have "some information" are selling their tales to tabloids like the *National Inquirer*, *Hard Copy*, *Current Affair*, *Star*, etc.

It comes across as if a movie is being enacted right before our eyes. Unfortunately, this is very real and very sad. Most people have talked to find the case to be emotionally draining, because whether or not it's correct or wise, O.J. Simpson was viewed as a hero, widely admired and respected.

It's difficult to merge the public image of O.J. Simpson, who came across as a charismatic, friendly, smart and warm individual, with the sinister, brooding, and abusive personality that the media currently projects.

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It was inevitable that elements of racism would surface with this case, though the media has carefully tried to dance around the issue. The fact that O.J. Simpson is a black man accused of murdering a white woman, doesn't sit well with a lot of people.

The distorted and altered photograph of O.J. put on the front cover of *Time* magazine, portraying him as darker and more sinister looking, undoubtedly was racist and designed to play into a stereotypical image. The images and subtle connotations being seen and made, are loaded with undeniable subliminal messages. People don't feel comfortable talking outright about it, but, they have no problem discussing it among friends and family, expressing their true beliefs and comments.

O.J. Simpson is fortunate in that he has the money that gives him the opportunity to afford the best attorneys and legal team available, based on the way his case has currently been handled in the media and press. He's going to need every bit of expertise and experience that is out there. In a media driven society that likes to build people up, and then take great pleasure in tearing them down, O.J. Simpson is prime meat for the yucksters just waiting to rip him apart—piece by piece.

I will know that man has come to value money's lives when he shows, by his actions and what he says, that he does, in fact, feel a woman's pain, particularly the pain men inflict upon her. We must hold every man, agency and institution accountable for action, and for inaction.

With every abuser, including those who contribute to the persistence and escalation of abuse of women, we must make an example in a (Continued on page 10)

Men who would save the seals and leopards, the redwoods and the spotted owl didn't lift a finger to save Nicole. Her life was made worthless by the use of nuclear justice system in domestication, worthless to serve itself, worthless to serve any other purpose except the whims and wishes of a man.

Press reports and police action, the actions of the public and of the whole criminal justice system in the City of Los Angeles, including actions of judges and their lenient "by your leave Mr. Abuser" attitude, all reinforce a culture that steps on and crushes the head of women. What he makes worthless, he then renders lifeless.

Nicole is lifeless now. But she was 'always' lifeless. What a beautiful and vital woman; she seemed in pictures. A woman, a person, in her own right, not only mother and model, friend and lover, but a woman with her own aspirations and achievements.

Is her. She is my mother nearly breaking under the strain: wife of an abuser excused nervously by family women fearing that one day in one of his rages he would come for them.

Nicole is the wife of my brother-wife of the son of the father, who abused my mother, abuser of the girl child covering in fear and disbelief that the pillar of the community, trusted head of church and household is an abuser with society's stamp of approval of the abuse.

An abuse so severe it turns pain into bone-crushing, mind disordering suffering, pain lasting a lifetime. An abuse that stills life forever. An abuse that must be avenged.

The male dominated system of judges and magistrates, police and lawyers and prosecutors, popes and family values must be forced to render justice. The murderer must be sentenced to die to life to remember.

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KidsKalendar

NOW THRU JULY 8

MEMBERTON—The Children's Theatre Project will present "Stuart Little" adapted from the book by E.B. White by Joseph Robinette at the Foundation Theatre in residence at Burlington County College. For more info, call 609 694-2130 or 609 694-9311 ext. 336.

NOW THRU JULY 31

MILLBURN—The Paper Mill Playhouse will present "Peanut Butter" a musical for all ages, based on the book by James M. Barrie. For more info, call 201 376-4343. Groups call 201 376-3658 ext. 2436.

SATURDAY, JULY 2 & 3

NEW YORK—The Children's Museum of the Arts will present "Firework Collage" by creating a brilliant firework collage using glitter, sequins, foil and colored paper. Workshops begin every hour beginning 12 noon and 3 p.m. For more info, call 212 274-0086.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library will begin its Summer Reading Program. There will be a Magic Show with Brian Richards at 2 p.m. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

PLAINFIELD—Summer Readers at the Plainfield Public Library in the "Explorers & Glorifiers" Ages 1 to 6, will have crafts & stories on South America. 2 p.m. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library children's section has scheduled a "Fairy" program at 11 a.m. for ages 3 to 7 and 2 p.m. for ages 8 and up. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library will have the Read to Me Club ages pre-K to kindergarten at 11 a.m. Crafts and stories. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

EAST ORANGE—"Summer in the City" presents "Salute to America" theme for their kids fest. 11 a.m. For more info, 201 986-5476/123. For hearing impaired call TTY-NJ Relay 1 800-7897.

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Final
deadline set
for 1995
pageant

EAST BRUNSWICK—The deadline for application to the 1995 Miss New Jersey USA and Teen USA Pageant has been set for Friday, July 8, 1994.

Competition is open to single females, between the ages of 15 and 19 as of July 1, 1995 and between the ages of 18 and 27 as of February 1, 1995. Contestants must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of N.J.; residency accepted.

In addition to the round trip expense-paid to the telecast for the opportunity to win over \$150,000 in cash and prizes, the state winners will also win prizes (including cash) valued at approximately \$15,000 and interviews with major commercial agents.

The pageant will be staged at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel, September 2-4, Labor Day Weekend. For entry information, please send: name, address, telephone number, date of birth and brief bio to: Miss New Jersey USA and Teen USA, Dept. "P", P.O. Box 834, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816. Or call 908-238-1180.



EAST HANOVER—Twelve year old Janean Jeffra of Newark was crowned Queen N.J. Favorite Pre-Teen given by the America's Favorite Pageant Inc. held at the Ramada Hotel in East Hanover. In addition to being crowned Queen, Jeffra won an outstanding scholar award, letter Orlando, Florida trip winner, and is now a semi-finalist who is qualified for a national competition. Jeffra, daughter of Maria Jeffra, is a six grader at St. Mary's School.

YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Summersaults at the Newark Museum

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will offer *Summersaults*, a full range of summer workshops for children ages 7 to 16 from July 5 through July 29. The workshops, which run Tuesdays through Fridays, allow children to discover the Museum's many offerings and to explore their own creativity.

Students can learn to design and make their own jewelry or clay pots; discover the earth, sea and sky in a hands-on exploration of science; study photography; use different drawing and painting techniques and materials; or go on a global adventure through art, language and geography of foreign countries.

Workshops begin at 10 a.m. and

last 1 1/2 hours from Tuesday through Friday. The registration fee for Newark residents is \$10 per child; \$20 for non-residents. For more information and to register, the public may call 201-596-6606.

Families can bring a lunch and stay after class to enjoy the wide variety of public afternoon programs the Museum has scheduled throughout the week: children's films on Wednesdays; nighttime jazz concerts in the Museum's Sculpture Garden and Lunar Legacy drop in children's art workshops on Thursdays; child rents theater on Fridays; "Stepping into Ancient Egypt" art activity sessions and Dryden's Planetarium shows Wednesdays through Fridays.

Inroads hosts Northeast Regional Seniors Conference

NEW BRUNSWICK—INROADS/Central New Jersey is hosting their first Northeast Regional Seniors Conference at the Brunswick Hilton in East Brunswick on July 14-17. Participants include about 300 college interns representing eight affiliations in the area: Central New Jersey, Fairfield/Westchester Counties, Greater Hartford, New York City, Northern New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Upstate New York.

The four day conference is intended to enhance participants' personal development and ease the

transition from intern to full time employee. Activities and workshops will be conducted by business leaders and INROADS alumni.

INROADS is a career development organization that prepares talented Hispanic, African-American, and Native American students for leadership careers in corporate America and the community. Founded in 1970, there are now 43 affiliates nationwide working with over 5,000 interns and 750 companies.

Youth festival seeks exhibitors

BLOOMFIELD—The International Year of the Family is 1994, and the theme of this year's Essex County 4-H Fair and Youth Festival is "Essex County Youth Celebrate Our Families." The fair will be held at Brookdale Park in Bloomfield on Saturday, August 21, 10:00-5:00. It is sponsored by the Essex County Administration and the Board of Chosen Freholders, and is coordinated by the Essex County 4-H Youth Development Program and the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.

Youth programs and agencies are invited to bring exhibits and demonstrations which present information about their program and show how the youth in their program relate to

their families. Participants are being sought for a Youth Talent Showcase which will feature group and individual performances highlighting the cultural and ethnic diversity of Essex County families.

The Essex County 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. It is sponsored by the Essex County Administration, the Board of Chosen Freholders, Rutgers, the State University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For more information about the Essex County 4-H Fair and Youth Festival, contact Mary Lou Mayfield, 4-H Program Associate, at (201) 678-7807, 9:00-4:00 weekdays.

Openings available in 4-H camps

EAST ORANGE—Essex, Bergen, and Hudson counties 4-H organization have openings for the outdoor education program August 1-6. The camp entitled "Western Adventure" and takes place at a farm with bunk houses, a dining hall in a barn, and a recreation hall in the former hayloft. The camp is located in Sussex County, and has a beautiful 15-mile view of the valley.

Residents of the participating counties don't need to be 4-H members to attend. Youth who have just completed grades 3-10 will have a choice of morning programs, which include swimming, boating, farm animals, crafts, outdoor cookery, beginner horseback riding, and other educational and fun activities.

Those who have completed grades 7 and 8 will also participate in the

"4-H SPACES" program while 9th and 10th graders participate in the "Counselor in Training" program. The afternoon recreational programs include boating, swimming, sports, and a relay-game, "Rodeo." Every evening presents a different activity, from scavenger hunt to a campfire.

All campers must attend an orientation meeting along with their parents. Orientation will be held Saturday, July 23, from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon at the Center for Environmental Studies, Roseland, and Monday, July 25, from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., at the 4-H office in Parsippany.

Please call the Essex County 4-H office at 678-7807 from 9:00 to 4:00 weekdays for registration forms and directions to the orientations.

Pre-college academy at William Paterson College

WAYNE—Sixty-six New Jersey high school students have been selected to attend the Pre-College Academy, a challenging college-preparatory summer program for minority students entering 10th, 11th or 12th grades being held from June 27 to July 29 at William Paterson College in Wayne.

"This residential program is designed to simulate the college experience," says Lester McKee, academic coordinator of WPC's Office of Minority Education and director of the academic enrichment program. Participants spend weekdays in a rigorous schedule of courses aimed at improving academic strengths through intensive instruction.

"The program provides both students and parents with a realistic view of the intensity and character of

the undergraduate academic environment," says McKee. "It also gives students the opportunity to meet and interact with positive minority role models from the faculty and staff."

Now in its third summer, the Pre-College Academy is part of the college's continuing effort to prepare minority students to enter the fields of science and mathematics. Sixty-six percent of this year's enrolled students are African American, 22 percent are Latino, 10 percent are Asian and two percent, Native American. Sixty-three percent are female, 37 percent male. Students have been accepted into the program based on their academic record, field of interest, community service, letters of recommendation, an essay and a personal interview.

High School students win in NJIT olympics



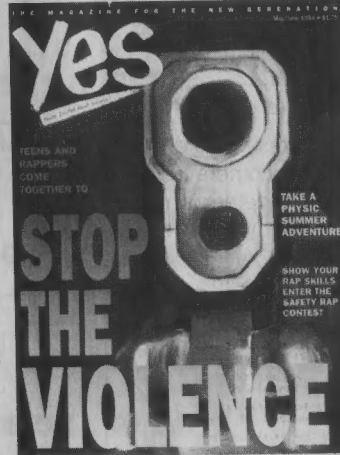
NEWARK—Four students from Science High School won first place in the Atomic Model Building competition of New Jersey Institute of Technology's 10th annual Chemistry Olympics for high school students. Rahul Patel, Hernan Rodriguez, Jamar Delaney and Idania Espinosa were presented with a first place plaque. Students had to build a molecular or ionic model of a chemical substance and write a paper explaining the function of the molecule. Students were judged on originality, craftsmanship, suitability of the model, and the quality of the written report. Twenty high schools from across the state participated in the 1994 Chemistry Olympics.

President's citations



JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College recently presented its ninth annual "President's Citations for Academic Achievement" to recognize outstanding juniors and seniors who attend public and private high schools in Jersey City. Among the 5 who were honored at a campus ceremony were Imad Haddad (second from right) and Shante Jones (right), seniors at Academic High School. The honorees were congratulated by Dr. Carlos Hernandez (left), JCSJ president, and Alice Barone, a guidance counselor at the High School.

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Anti aging: the art of being, feeling and looking younger

by Robert N. Taylor

Aging is generally thought of as a process of gradual deterioration of health, stamina and good looks. Indeed, that is what normally occurs, but it does not have to be that way.

The medical community is fairly unanimous that there are a host of things we can do which will virtually guarantee us longer, healthier lives. These so-called anti-aging techniques will enable you to look better, be healthier, have more stamina and get more enjoyment out of life.

Eat in moderation and consume less animal fat. Americans simply eat too much. According to Dr. Art Mollen, the author of *The Anti-Aging Diet*, "The average American eats twice the protein he needs." Since most of our protein comes from meat, the most direct way to cut back is to determine how much meat you eat during a typical meal and cut the amount in half. The exception is fish. The body can digest fat found in fish better than fat found in land animal meat.

Consume plenty of anti-oxidants. Everyday, through what we eat, drink and breathe, our bodies are filled with toxins (poisons). These toxins accumulate and then clog and weaken major systems in the body ranging from the heart to the lungs through a destructive process known as oxidation. However, the body naturally destroys or eliminates most toxins. But you can help your body tremendously if you can find an adequate supply of anti-oxidants. The most powerful anti-oxidants (disease combating nutrients) are Vitamin E, Vitamin C and Beta Carotene a parent molecule of Vitamin A. The best sources of anti-oxidants are fruits and vegetables. You should eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables everyday.

Exercise. The key type of exercise is aerobic exercise—running, jogging, fast walking, playing basketball, swimming, etc. These exercises make the heart and lungs stronger.

Salvation Army's home away from home

UNION—During the next few months The Salvation Army's Camp Tecumseh, located in Pittstown, NJ, on 392 acres of rolling hills, will become a home away from home for over 1,200 children and 160 senior citizens.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the camp. In recognition of this milestone, The Salvation Army has developed three specialty camping sessions: Special Needs Reunion Camp, Grands' Camp and Veterans' Camp. All three camping sessions are designed to meet specific needs.

Special Needs Reunion Camp reunites siblings who have been separated through the foster care system due to family crisis, abuse or neglect. The siblings participate in activities such as boating, arts and crafts, hiking, fishing, sports and swimming.

Grands' Camp is designed for custodial grandparents and their grandchildren ages 6-12. This seven day camping session offers participants an opportunity for relaxation, fellowship, recreation and support. While the grandparents enjoy the program and accommodations at Tecumseh Lodge, their grandchildren attend the youth camp across the lake.

Veterans' Camp is a collaborative effort between The Salvation Army and the East Orange Veterans Medical Center. The camp will provide veterans and their families a five day summer vacation designed to help ease pressures associated with post war trauma. It will also create an environment for participants to gain insight and develop emotional support to cope with the pressures of daily living.

All three camps are funded through public and private contributions. The cost for a week at camp for adults is \$150 and children is \$250. If you would like to sponsor a week at camp for any of the specialty camps mentioned above, please contact Brenda Beavers at 908-851-9300.

Don't forget that the number one killer in America is heart disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, "Not exercising is the single greatest risk factor for heart disease." You also want to engage in strength exercises. That's right! You want to lift weights. Such exercises not only make you look firm but they help prevent injury and they also strengthen the heart.

Know your body and family health history. There is a strong genetic component to aging. Some people are just naturally better able to

fight off aging's negative effects. Some experts call these people "fast detoxifiers." Their bodies rapidly destroy toxins and cancer causing agents. These are the type of people who can smoke and eat unhealthy diets but still live to be 95 years old. "Slow detoxifiers", on the other hand, have inherited genes which are slow to destroy toxins and cancer causing agents. Thus, the toxins are able to accumulate and cause disease and eventually take the person's life. To know where you stand, you need to know your family health history. How long did your parents,

grand parents and great grand parents live and of what did they die? This history will give you a good sense of which ailments you need to most be on guard against.

Take an aspirin and have a drink a day. The evidence is overwhelming that aspirin helps thin the blood, clear arteries and thus serves to prevent heart disease and stroke, the number one and number three killers. The same is true of alcohol, especially red wine. A drink or two a day appear to have beneficial health effects on the body. Experts call it the "French Paradox" after the French who eat the same

type of high fat diets common in America yet have no where near the level of heart disease common in America. But the French drink a lot of wine and the wine appears to counter-balance the high fat diet.

Stimulate the mind. Aging is also a largely mental process. Thus, staying young means keeping the mind stimulated. One of the best things you can do to stimulate mental freshness is to learn a foreign language. Others include socializing and having a close network of friends. But always seek to learn something new and take on new challenges.

Avoiding heat exhaustion

EDISON—With the recent arrival of extremely hot, humid weather JFK Medical Center offers some important information on how to avoid heat exhaustion.

Heat exhaustion is very serious, and should be treated as such. The symptoms of nausea, vomiting, head-

ache, fatigue, loss of concentration, hyperventilation, light-headedness, cramps and muscle spasms are cause for concern.

Individuals experiencing these symptoms should lie down in a cool room or shaded area, remove articles of clothing, and be cooled off

with fans, air conditioning or moist cloths. They should also drink a half glassful of water, or an electrolyte replacement such as Gatorade, every 15 minutes, if possible, to keep up with additional fluid losses.

The best course of action is to avoid situations that lead to heat exhaustion.

It is imperative that with the advent of hot weather, everyone severely restricts exercise outdoors. Not exposing one's self to the sun for prolonged periods of time, wearing hats and loose clothing, and drinking enough fluids, particularly water, are also good ideas.

Health Calendar

EVERY SATURDAY

WEST ORANGE—The Northern NJ Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society sponsors a free swim program at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Carol or Laurie at 201-984-6667.

EVERY MONDAY

EDISON—"Chemical Dependency Family Education," sponsored by the JFK Center for Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info, call 908-634-7510.

EVERY TUESDAY

IRVINGTON—Free WIC & Lead Testing, 9:55 a.m.-10:55 a.m. at the Irvington Health Dept. For pregnant and nursing women from birth to 5 yrs. old, lead poisoning and anemia children. Blood Tests are free, walk-ins are welcomed.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
IRVINGTON—Free Baby Clinic, Afternoon's, 10:45 a.m. Newborn Community Health Center for newborns to 5 yrs. old. YOU MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT. 908-6652

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

NEWARK—Free confidential AIDS counseling and testing, Mon.-Fri. 9-6 p.m. 10-4 p.m. Newark Community Health Center, Call 201-565-0355 for appointment or Plainfield Health Center at 908-753-6401.

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☒ Dulcolax Tablets 25 ct. \$5 ⁷⁹	☒ Caldecort Cream Net wt. 0.5 oz. cont. \$3 ⁴⁹	☒ Caldesene Powder Net wt. 4 oz. cont. \$4 ⁶⁹	☒ Alcon Opti Clean II Net wt. 0.66 oz. cont. \$7 ⁴⁹	☒ Alcon Opti Tears Net wt. 0.50 oz. cont. \$7 ⁴⁹	☒ Alcon Opti-Zyme Enzymatic Cleaner 1 btl. \$10 ⁸⁹	☒ Slow Fe With Folic Acid 20 ct. \$7 ¹⁹
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TODAY, READ ANOTHER SIDE OF THE STORY ABOUT SECONDHAND SMOKE.

Ever since the EPA issued its report about the "dangers" of secondhand smoke in 1993, serious questions have been raised about the report's validity.

Here are some of those questions:

- If there were doubts about the report, why weren't they widely publicized?
- Of 11 U.S. studies used by the EPA, not a single one concluded that there is a statistically significant overall association between secondhand smoke and lung cancer.
What did the EPA do to find a link, using the very same studies?
- Why did an article in a major scientific magazine call the EPA's report "fancy statistical footwork"?
 - Why, in its assessment of secondhand smoke, did the EPA suddenly disregard generally accepted standards of statistical analysis?
- A large U.S. study, published in *The American Journal of Public Health*, found no overall statistically significant link between secondhand smoke and lung cancer. Why did the EPA not include this study?
- Is it possible the EPA decided that secondhand smoke was harmful years before their assessment was done?

Today, on the next two pages, Philip Morris brings you the answers to these questions in an article from *Forbes MediaCritic* entitled **Passive Reporting on Passive Smoke**, by Jacob Sullum, Managing Editor of *Reason* magazine. This is one of the most comprehensive articles ever written about the EPA's risk assessment of secondhand smoke.

We believe that both smokers and non-smokers should consider these facts and draw their own conclusions about the issue of secondhand smoke.



IN ANY CONTROVERSY, FACTS MUST MATTER.

DECADE FOR

PASSIVE REPORTING ON ETS LIES SMOKE

by Jacob Sullum

LAST FEBRUARY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE Environmental Protection Agency told a House subcommittee that Congress should ban smoking in places of business. Testifying in favor of the Smoke-Free Environment Act, which would forbid smoking in buildings open to the public, Carol Browner relied heavily on the EPA report that declared environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) to be "a known human lung carcinogen."

Since it was released in January 1993, this 510-page document has become a favorite prop of the anti-smoking movement. It has helped justify smoking bans in government agencies—including the Department of Defense—in cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco, and in states such as Maryland and Washington. Because the EPA's preliminary conclusions about ETS were first published in 1990, the report had an impact even before it appeared in its final form. "Hundreds of local ordinances have been passed or introduced in virtually every area of the country since 1991," Browner testified. "In the year since publication of the EPA report...we have seen a rapid acceleration of measures to protect non-smokers in a variety of settings." And in March, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) proposed a ban on smoking in indoor workplaces, including bars and restaurants.

In light of the legislation and policy changes it has generated, the EPA's *Respiratory Health Effects of Passive Smoking: Lung Cancer and*

Other Disorders may be the most influential report ever issued by the agency. As one might expect, it has received extensive coverage from major newspapers. Between May 1990 and February 1994, the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post* ran more than 100 news stories about ETS, of which about 45 focused on the EPA report. Yet almost without exception, the coverage has been one-sided, credulous and superficial. Even before the EPA released its report, journalists were quick to accept the claim that secondhand smoke kills. And despite serious questions about the report's assertion that ETS causes lung cancer and the process by which the EPA reached that conclusion, leading U.S. newspapers have treated this assertion as scientific fact. In so doing, not only have they exaggerated what is known about the effects of ETS, but they have missed an important story about the corruption of science by the political crusade against smoking.

To uncover the facts would not have required a lot of digging. They were repeatedly outlined by representatives of the tobacco industry for anyone who would listen. Indeed, that was a big part of the problem: "The tobacco industry has established a reputation for disseminating misinformation," says Michael Fumento, one of the few journalists who took a critical look at the science behind the EPA's report. "At the very least, [the industry] had been known to put a twist on material that isn't warranted. In a

sense, it was the boy who didn't cry wolf—the guy who year after year saw a wolf and claimed there was no wolf there. When he says, 'Look, there's no wolf there,' the media are not going to be quick to believe that."

In fact, most reporters were so disinclined to believe the tobacco industry that they simply assumed there was a wolf, without attempting to verify its existence. On January 6, 1993, *Los Angeles Times* writer Rudy Abramson reported: "The most bitter resistance to the EPA's move to link secondary smoke and lung cancer has been waged by Philip Morris Co., a leading cigarette manufacturer, and by the Tobacco Institute, the industry's chief lobbying organization. Some 30 years after the landmark surgeon general's report on smoking and health, the industry continues to argue that there is no scientific proof of a link between cancer and smoking."

The message of this juxtaposition is clear: Since the tobacco industry has refused to acknowledge that smoking causes lung cancer, people should not give credence to their claims about ETS and lung cancer. This argument, which showed up repeatedly in coverage of the EPA report, seeks to simultaneously discredit criticism of the agency's position and bolster the case against ETS. It implies not only that the tobacco industry is lying, but that the evidence of a link between ETS and lung cancer is just as strong as the evidence of a link between smoking and lung cancer. This analogy is very misleading.

James Entom, a professor of epidemiology at UCLA, notes that thousands of studies have examined the link between smoking and lung cancer. Virtually all of them have found positive associations, statistically significant in the vast majority of cases.

This is an important point. In any study that tries to measure the association between a suspected risk factor and disease rates, there is always the possibility that an observed difference between the exposed group and the control group occurred simply by chance and had nothing to do with the risk factor. Researchers do statistical tests to account for this possibility. By convention, epidemiologists call a result "significant" if the possibility that it occurred by chance is five percent or less. The associations

between smoking and lung cancer are sizable as well as statistically significant. Recent studies indicate that the average male smoker is 20 times more likely to develop lung cancer than a male non-smoker, while the risk ratio for women is about 10 to one. The figures are even higher for heavy smokers.

By contrast, the EPA report was based on 30 epidemiological studies that looked for a link between ETS and lung cancer, mainly by comparing disease rates among non-smoking women living with smokers to disease rates among women living with non-smokers. Most of the studies found positive associations, but they were statistically significant in only six studies. (Nine found that living with a smoker was associated with a *reduced* risk of lung cancer, but these results were not statistically significant.) And all of the positive associations were weak by epidemiological standards, typically yielding risk ratios of less than three to one. The EPA estimated that a woman who lives with a smoker is 1.19 times as likely to develop lung cancer as a woman who lives with a non-smoker. "Comparing that to a 10 to one ratio, you can see it's minute," Entom says. "It's at least one order of magnitude different from the active smoking data."

With risk ratios this small, it's difficult to rule out confounding variables, such as diet and other sources of pollution, that might account for an observed association. "At least 20 confounding factors have been identified as important to the development of lung cancer," wrote Gary L. Haber, a professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center, and two colleagues in the July 1991 issue of *Consumer Research*. "No reported study comes anywhere close to controlling, or even mentioning, all of these."

Entom is not optimistic that future research will clarify the issue. "You're talking about ratios that are so close to 1.0 that it's really beyond the realm of epidemiology," he says. "You could do more studies, and you could probably arrive at more precise ratios, but as to whether those ratios would mean anything, I doubt it...You're basically doing in a noise-filled situation, and whether you can really see a true signal above the noise is doubtful."

Reporters don't trust the tobacco companies. But they do trust the EPA.

It's difficult to understand why virtually no one followed Fumento's lead, especially since similar questions about the report were raised that summer in congressional hearings and in a tobacco industry lawsuit challenging the EPA's findings. During the year after Fumento's piece appeared, only one story in a major newspaper dealt with the subject he raised in a less than perfunctory way. In July 28, 1993 article about the tobacco industry's lawsuit, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Jerry E. Bishop made it clear that questions about statistical significance and confounding variables are legitimate and not easily dismissed. Although he did not quote any critics of the report who were not affiliated with the tobacco industry, he at least showed that statisticians disagree about the quality of the EPA's work.

By contrast, a June 23, 1993 story by *Journal* reporter Eben Shapiro unfairly and erroneously changed the report's conclusions. Shapiro wrote that the study, which was included in a tobacco industry press package about the law-

suit, "actually appears to support the EPA's decision. The report...concludes that there is a small but consistent elevation in the risk of lung cancer in non-smokers due to passive smoking." Thus Shapiro's reporting of the results of the study supported the claim that ETS causes lung cancer. But the sentence from which he quoted actually says that "our study and others conducted during the past decade suggest a small but consistent elevation in the risk of lung cancer." (Emphasis added.) In fact, the study itself did not find a statistically significant association between ETS and lung cancer. That is why the tobacco companies argued that it would have undermined the EPA's case. Shapiro also wrongly quoted the researchers' opinion that "the proliferation of federal, state and local regulations that restrict smoking in public

places and work sites is well-founded." This editorial comment does not change the data. Many other stories raised false doubts about the argument of the EPA's critics. In the July 22, 1993 *New York Times*, for example, Philip J. Hilts reported that Representatives Thomas J. Bliley, Jr. (R-VA) and Alex McMillan (R-NC) "suggested that the EPA's study of several studies, or 'meta-analysis,' used a lower standard of statistical proof than normally used in assessing danger scientifically." Despite the implication of the word suggested, this is not an arguable point, although the report's detractors and supporters disagree about its importance. Hilts also stated that "about 30 studies were reviewed, of which 24 showed that secondhand smoke was a risk—just the opposite was true. And he had the congressmen conceding the very point they were disputing: 'The biggest study, the two lawmakers noted, found statistical proof that secondhand smoke caused cancer with certainty only in those people subjected to the most smoke.' No study has ever found 'statistical proof that secondhand smoke caused cancer with certainty.' In fact, it is impossible for an epidemiological study to provide such proof."

The EPA finessed some key points to conclude that passive smoke causes lung cancer.

Faced with evidence that was weak, inconsistent and ambiguous, the EPA finessed some important points and gave the data a vigorous massage to arrive at the conclusion that ETS causes lung cancer. To begin with, the EPA used an unconventional definition of statistical significance. In previous risk assessments the EPA had always used the traditional standard. But in the case of ETS, the agency abandoned the usual definition of statistical significance and called a result significant if the probability that it occurred by chance was 10 percent or less—a change that in effect doubles the odds of being wrong.

Even according to the broader definition, only one of the 11 U.S. studies that the report analyzes found a statistically significant link between ETS and lung cancer. And according to the usual definition, none of them did. In order to bolster the evidence, the EPA departed from its usual risk-assessment procedure by combining the results from these 11 studies in a "meta-analysis." This technique is appropriate only when the underlying studies are comparable in method and structure.

Entom says using meta-analysis for studies such as those examined by the EPA "is not a particularly meaningful exercise," since the studies are apt to differ in the way they define smokers, the types of lung cancer they include, the confounding variables they take into account and so on. "It's just fraught with dangers." In any event, the result of the EPA's meta-analysis is significant only under the weak definition adopted especially for these data. By the conventional standard, the meta-analysis does not support the claim that ETS causes lung cancer. Furthermore, had the EPA included in its meta-analysis a large U.S. study published in 1992, the result might not have been significant even by the revised standard.

The contrivances employed by the EPA, which a July 31, 1992 *Science* article described as "intensely statistical footwork," indicate that the agency was determined to reach the conclusion that ETS kills non-smokers.

That impression is supported by the fact that the EPA put together a "policy guide" for reducing workplace exposure to ETS well before it had officially decided that ETS was a hazard. The first draft of the guide was released in June 1990, three-and-a-half years before the EPA released the final version of its risk assessment. William Reilly, then administrator of the EPA, told *The Wall Street Journal* in January 1993 that he delayed release of the policy guide in its final form because he didn't want it to "look like we're trying to torque the science."

Reilly had reason to be concerned about that perception. In March 1992, an expert panel that he convened had issued a report called *Safeguarding the Future: Credible Science, Credible Decisions*. Among other things, the panel concluded that "EPA science is of uneven quality, and the agency's policies and regulations are frequently perceived as lacking a strong scientific foundation." It cautioned that "science should never be adjusted to fit policy, either consciously or unconsciously."

Despite these and other warning signs, the coverage by the major newspapers was generally unskeptical of the agency's conclusions and dismissive of the tobacco industry's criticism. The typical story opened with the government's claims, elaborated on them for several paragraphs, quoted anti-smoking activists who agreed with the EPA and described the tobacco industry's response in a paragraph or two. The tobacco industry's comments usually amounted to little more than denial, and no independent sources were provided to back them up. News consumers were left with the impression that, aside from industry representatives, no one had doubts about the EPA's position on the health effects of ETS.

But as Michael Fumento showed in his January 28, 1993 story for *Investor's Business Daily*, this was clearly not true. "Some scientists and policy analysts, who say they couldn't

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These errors in stories about the EPA report reflect a general tendency in coverage of the ETS controversy to exaggerate evidence and minimize criticism. An example is a May 29, 1990 *New York Times* story by Lawrence K. Altman. Under the headline, "The Evidence Mounts on Passive Smoking," Altman described a growing scientific consensus that ETS is a health hazard. He quoted one scientist who said "the links between passive smoking and health problems are now as solid as any finding in epidemiology," and another who claimed "there's no question" that ETS causes heart disease. Both assertions are controversial, to say the least, but Altman did not offer specific rebuttals from anyone. In the 44-paragraph article, he devoted only three paragraphs to skeptics, both identified with the tobacco industry.

And Altman himself exaggerated what the evidence tells us. In the second paragraph, he asserted that "the studies show" ETS "causes death not only by lung cancer, but even more by heart attack." Thus, he declared at the outset of the story that the case was closed on ETS. "The EPA reviewed 24 epidemiological studies of passive smoking and lung cancer, 11 more than in the Surgeon General's Report in 1986," he wrote, describing an early summary of the risk assessment. "The newer studies confirm the results in the first 13 studies." The reader is not likely to guess from this summary that the vast majority of these studies failed to find a significant link between ETS and lung cancer.

Altman is not alone in failing to discuss statistical significance. Consider Jane E. Brody's January 8, 1992 *New York Times* story about a study directed by Elizabeth Fontham of Louisiana State University Medical Center. The headline read: "New Study Strongly Links Passive Smoking and Cancer." Brody reported: "The study, the largest of its kind, found a 30 percent higher risk of lung cancer if the women's husbands smoked, a risk that

rose with the number of cigarettes and years of exposure." Brody failed to note that this overall association was not statistically significant (that is, the probability that the result occurred purely by chance was greater than five percent). Although Fontham *did* report statistically significant associations for a few subgroups, the risk ratios were all under 2.5, so it is wrong to say that the study "strongly links passive smoking and cancer."

Another common error involves confusing correlation with causation. In 1991, for example, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) did a survey that, among other things, asked parents to assess their children's health. The CDC reported that 4.1 percent of the children who lived in households with smokers were said to be in "fair" or "poor" health, compared to 2.4 percent of the children who lived in households without smokers. From this information it is impossible to conclude anything about the effects of ETS, since the study did not control for variables that might account for the difference in reported health. Poverty is the most obvious example. Research shows that people with lower incomes are both more likely to smoke and more likely to be in poor health.

Yet on June 19, 1991, the *New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times* and *The Washington Post* all ran stories under headlines asserting that the study had found that smoking in the home harms children. Only the *New York Times* and *The Washington Post* noted that the study did not control for income, and only the *Post* made the importance of this fact clear.

The errors that appear in these and other stories about ETS are not random, of course. They consistently weigh in favor of the view that ETS is a health hazard. Reporters are receptive to that view for a number of reasons. Even if they don't personally disapprove of

smoking, they are well aware of its dangers. If a lot of tobacco smoke hurts smokers, it seems plausible that a little would hurt non-smokers, though not as much.

Since most journalists do not have backgrounds in statistics or epidemiology, they rely on other people to assess the issue. The most conspicuous sources for stories about ETS work for the tobacco industry, the government and anti-smoking groups. Reporters don't trust the tobacco companies. But in contrast to the skepticism they bring to the pronouncements of other government agencies and special-interest groups, they do tend to trust public health authorities such as the EPA and anti-smoking organizations such as the American Cancer Society. The governing assumption seems to be that the tobacco companies are trying to maintain profits, while the government and anti-smoking groups are interested in promoting public health and getting out of the facts.

But sometimes these two missions conflict. Public health officials may be inclined to shade the truth a bit if it helps to discourage smoking by making it less acceptable. In her testimony last February, EPA Administrator Browner said the main benefit of the Smoke-Free Environment Act would be its impact on smokers. "The reduction in smoker mortality due to smokers who quit, cut back or do not start is estimated to range from about 33,000 to 99,000 lives per year," she said. And six former surgeons general, the *New York Times* reported, "echoed the theme that this simple measure could do more for the public health than any other bill in years." So, just as the tobacco companies have an interest in minimizing the dangers of ETS, the government and the anti-smoking groups have an interest in maximizing them.

When reporters choose sides on the basis of trust they fail to make independent assessments of the arguments of both sides. So readers of stories about ETS might wish to keep in mind the following points:

□ **The Importance of Statistical Significance.** When researchers do not come up with statistically significant results, they tend to underplay this fact, for obvious reasons. Stories should be examined to see whether they disclose, as a good report should, whether a result is statistically significant. Epidemiological studies include "confidence intervals" that indicate there is a 95 percent probability that the true risk ratio lies between two numbers. If the lower number is 1.0 or less, the result is not significant, even if the authors of the paper play it up in the abstract.

When researchers don't get significant results overall, they sometimes slice up the data into subgroups, seeing if they can find a significant association at certain levels of exposure, for certain kinds of cancer and so on. But the more such comparisons they do, the less likely it is that any association they find will be meaningful, since there is a five-percent chance of being wrong each time. Furthermore, the subgroup data for ETS and lung cancer are often contradictory: One study will find a significant result for adenocarcinoma lung cancer but not for other types of cancer, or for spousal smoking but not for childhood exposure, while another study will find the opposite.

□ **The Pitfalls of Correlation versus Causation.** Even a statistically significant association between A and B does not prove that A causes B. A and B could both be associated with another factor or set of factors. An article in the July 28, 1993 *Journal of the American Medical Association* reported that, allowing for differences in smoking rates, restaurant workers are 50 percent more likely to get lung cancer than people in other occupations. The study controlled for smoking but not for a wide range of other factors.

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SECONDHAND SMOKE: CONSIDER THE FACTS, THEN DECIDE.

In January 1993, the EPA issued its report declaring that secondhand smoke is harmful to non-smokers.

Since that time, this report, accepted in large part without question, has caused considerable concern among smokers and non-smokers alike. And while these concerns grew, the flaws in the EPA's use of science remained largely unpublicized.

Finally, these flaws are being publicly discussed.

In this meticulously researched article in the current issue of *Forbes MediaCritic*, Jacob Sullum, Managing Editor of *Reason* magazine explains why the public never got the full story about the EPA report. He also details exactly how the EPA disregarded established methods of statistical analysis to arrive at a politically motivated conclusion about secondhand smoke.

Since the EPA's report has been the basis for a flurry of smoking restrictions, we believe that smokers and non-smokers need to have both sides of the story in order to make up their own minds. After all, recent polls show that most Americans prefer accommodation and common courtesy to more smoking regulations and outright bans.

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that could affect lung cancer rates. Yet coverage in *The Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* supported the author's conclusion that the higher incidence of lung cancer should be blamed on higher levels of tobacco smoke in restaurants.

The concern about confounding variables is especially important when risk ratios are small. Epidemiologists generally consider an association "weak" when the ratios are between 1.0 and 3.0. In the restaurant study, the risk ratio emphasized by the author was about 1.5. "Anything with a risk ratio of less than 3.0, I don't trust," Fumento says. "It's like measuring the width of a hair with a standard 12-inch ruler. You can't do it. The little markings are too big. So it is with epidemiology. It's a blunt tool."

□ **Weasel Words.** Readers should be alert to qualifiers and hedging; so should reporters. In the restaurant study, for example, the author wrote: "The epidemiologic evidence suggested that there may be a 50 percent increase in lung cancer risk among food-service workers that is in part attributable to tobacco smoke exposure in the workplace." (Emphasis added.) The 1991 report of the CDC survey of children's health said the results "show an apparent pattern suggesting that, for most children, fair or poor health appears to be associated with various exposures to cigarette smoke." (Emphasis added.) When someone cites a "pattern" or a "trend in the data," it's time to look more closely. In rigorous science, close doesn't count.

□ **Discrepancies.** When two versions of a verifiable fact diverge sharply, readers should reserve judgment. For instance, an Associated Press story that appeared in the *New York Times* on June 11, 1992, quoted a physician who appeared at an American Heart Association (AHA) press conference as saying that "thousands of studies have shown that secondary smoke increases the risk of heart and lung disease." The Tobacco Institute, on the other hand, "insisted that fewer than 100 studies had been done on the effects of secondary smoke." In fact, about a dozen studies had found a significant link between ETS and lung cancer or heart dis-

ease. In this case, the reporter misunderstood his source, and a phone call to the AHA would have cleared up the matter. In other cases, it might be necessary to consult an independent authority familiar with the research.

Reporters will soon have an opportunity to do better. In testimony last February, EPA Administrator Carol Browner predicted that the Smoke-Free Environment Act would save the lives of 5,000 to 9,000 non-smokers each year. Dave Madant of the EPA's Indoor Air Division says fewer than 2,200 of these represent lung-cancer cases; the rest are heart-disease deaths. Yet the evidence of a link between ETS and heart disease is even weaker than the evidence of a link between ETS and lung cancer, and the EPA has never done a risk assessment in this area. The agency's full report on the impact of the Smoke-Free Environment Act was scheduled to be released in the Spring.

If reporters want to get at the truth, they cannot continue to act as if only one side in this debate has an ax to grind. They need to be just as skeptical about the EPA and the Coalition on Smoking or Health as they are about Philip Morris. "I treat sources like lawyers, like advocates in a court of law," Fumento says. In a court case, the jurors take for granted that each side has an agenda, but that does not stop them from weighing the arguments. Similarly, reporters should not dismiss a statement simply because it comes from the Tobacco Institute.

Writing in *Toxicologic Pathology*, Yale epidemiologist Alvan Feinstein cautioned his fellow scientists against automatically believing everything the "good guys" say and rejecting everything the "bad guys" say. His message applies to journalists as well as scientists: "If public health and epidemiology want to avoid becoming a branch of politics rather than science, the key issues are methods and process, not the 'goodness' of the goals or investigators. In science even more than law, the 'bad guy' should always have the right to state his case, and a well-stated case has the right to be heard, regardless of who pays for it." ★

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National News

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the school board and principal of Randolph County High School. Principal Huijden Humphries had threatened to cancel the school prom if interracial couples showed up and led Ravonda Bowen that her marriage and her birth was "a mistake." Bowen filed a civil rights suit. Humphries was ousted and then re-instated by the predominantly white school board and there were anti- and pro-Humphries rallies throughout the county. The exact amount of the financial settlement was not disclosed.

Currency devaluation rocks French-speaking Africa

Millions of people in French-speaking Africa have experienced deepening poverty as a result of their countries being forced by France and the Western dominated international Monetary Fund to devalue their joint currency. The January devaluation had the effect of cutting the value of currency in half and nearly tripling the cost of imported goods. The countries in question are mostly former French colonies which operated a joint cur-

rency under the African Financial Community. France supported the joint currency for decades but last year decided it could no longer afford to do so. The devaluation is typical of the type of "shock therapy" economic policies rich nations frequently force upon poor nations. Diplomats and economists say millions of people have been driven into poverty as they have seen the value of their money reduced.

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Shooting prompts racial tension in Ontario, Canada

The shooting death of a white police officer by a black suspect prompted racial tension in the North York community of Ontario, Canada last week. Scores of whites gathered to condemn black immigrants from the Caribbean. Blacks were critical of the police tactics and lack of jobs for black youth. One man said violence in the area was forcing him to return to his native Jamaica. Most blacks in Canada come from Jamaica and other West Indian countries. Many black communities in Canada are being plagued by the same types of problems besetting black communities in America: few jobs, crime and drug turf battles.

ONTARIO, CANADA

WHITE PLAINS—The most dangerous months on the roads begin with the July 4th weekend. Area traffic safety officials are warning, while reminding, drivers of simple precautions that can ensure safe arrival for drivers and passengers.

According to the Tri-State Traffic Safety Partners, a new coalition of federal and state government agencies representing the tri-state area, highway traffic during the peak summer months is more than 12 percent higher than the year long average. More than 14.5 billion vehicle miles will be driven in the tri-state area during the summer months.

"Among the major objectives of this new safe driving awareness coalition is to have each and every driver take a brief moment of reflection before putting the key into the car's ignition," said Thomas M. Louizou, regional administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which organized the Tri-State Traffic Safety Partners.

"Every driver should reflect upon the fact that his or her sensible and responsible driving habits will ensure safe arrival for both driver and passengers at each destination. We also want drivers to maintain awareness of their responsibility to other drivers, passengers and pedestrians. Safe driving shows concern for yourself, your future, and your family and friends; in fact, everyone," Louizou said.

Common sense and some very simple precautions can mean a significant reduction in the number of holiday casualties. With heightened traffic, unfortunately, comes a higher

incidence of crashes and related injuries and deaths.

Be sure the driver and all passengers use seat belts. Buckling up and properly using child safety seats are two simple steps that can save lives and minimize injuries. With New York's seat belt law now ten years old, there's no excuse not to know about our law and how effective seat belts and child safety seats really are.

Alcohol impaired driving continues to be the largest single contributor to traffic fatalities, and the level of drinking and driving goes up during

the hot summer months. Alcohol was a factor in nearly 45 percent of all U.S. traffic fatalities last year, but it contributed to 55 percent of the fatalities over the July 4th weekend.

When hosting holiday picnics where alcohol is served, offer guests non-alcoholic alternatives, serve food

with drinks, measure drinks carefully and never let an intoxicated person drive.

Last year, over the July 4th weekend alone, 11 people died in traffic crashes in the tri-state area. Another 2,011 were injured in nearly 3,000 crashes throughout the region.

Summer driving safety advice

AIDS office policy falls short

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domestic policies of the Administration include appropriate consideration of AIDS-related issues.

Convene a White House Conference on AIDS to bring together the nation's leading experts and community advocates, including people with HIV, to work with the interdepartmental task force to develop the comprehensive national AIDS plan.

Federal HIV/AIDS Agenda '93

In May 1993, AIDS Action Council and 149 other AIDS organizations endorsed the Federal HIV/AIDS Agenda '93. The Agenda was developed following 25 regional meetings throughout the United States convened by nine national AIDS organizations for people from agencies and organizations that provide HIV/AIDS related services. This Agenda's relevant statements are:

• The President should appoint a domestic policy advisor to direct

the White House Office on HIV/AIDS. The HIV/AIDS Director should report directly to the President. The position should be institutionalized to assure continuation if there is a change of administrations.

• The advisor should have experience in HIV/AIDS issues, should have the confidence of the communities affected by AIDS, and should be personally affected by HIV, if not HIV infected, chair a Community Advisory Board made up of people with HIV infection and people from affected communities. People with HIV/AIDS should be included on any body that creates, implements or evaluates HIV/AIDS policy or programs; create an Intergovernmental Task Force on HIV/AIDS to coordinate, expedite and implement federal HIV/AIDS policy; and, create a national plan to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic which includes implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on AIDS.

UEZ Funds

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seized from Plainfield and other urban municipalities and sent to state," said Green (D-Plainfield).

Green charged that the budget is laced with "legal weasel language" that would enable the

Whitman administration to skirt promises of one day returning the UEZ funds to Plainfield. Green specifically pointed out budget language that would make any potential return of UEZ funds "subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting."

Stop the violence

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way that gradually establishes in society a true respect, a true valuing of a woman's life.

I am angry. And as the events of Nicole's story have unfolded my anger has escalated. Angry because before, during and after Nicole's death, what should have happened, didn't happen. And what should never have happened, happened. There is something terribly wrong with a society that at every level, agency and institution aids and abets and cheers on a potential growth to full blown murder of a woman.

I mourn the death of Nicole. I mourn a life lived in unnecessary pain. I mourn a society whose capacity for inflicting pain seems endless, but whose capacity for feeling the pain of another seems nonexistent. I mourn a society who fails to feel the pain it inflicts. A society who fails to comfort, fails to care, fails to mourn Nicole.

Housing needed for first-year medical students

NEWARK—Housing for 170 first-year medical students is being sought by the New Jersey Medical School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ).

A master listing of available housing in Essex County and the surrounding area has been compiled for the new medical students.

The listing will include apartments, condominiums, houses for rent or lease, and rooming or private homes. Each item on the list will include the name and phone number of the person to contact. In most cases, the housing will be occupied by the students on a year-round basis.

Individuals with available housing who would like to have their property listed should call Gwen James of the medical school at 201-982-5424. The list will be distributed to medical students beginning July 1.

Newark Post Office extends hours

NEWARK—Effective June 6, the Newark Post Office will be extending hours to meet customer demand.

The new hours will be: 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.—3 p.m. Saturday and will be closed Sundays and holidays.

The lobby of the main Post Office at 2 Federal Square is opened 24 hours for box pick-up and stamp vending machine use.



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SAT & SUN, JULY 9

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FRIDAY, JULY 8 - 29

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SATURDAY, JULY 16

MORRISTOWN—"The New Philharmon-ic of N.J. under the direction of Leon Hyman, will have a concert and picnic in the park. Starts at 8 p.m. For more info, call 201-267-0206.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

RANDOLPH—"The Incredible Marlin Magic Show" at the Dragonetti Auditor-ium. County College of Morris 11 a.m. For more info call 201-326-5225.

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Swain Galleries to have multi-media exhibition

PLAINFIELD—Swain Galleries of Plainfield will showcase new talent in a multi-media exhibition, "Selected Works," by 27 award winners from the 1994 duCret School of the Arts annual fine arts student show. The exhibit featuring 37 works will be on view July 9-30.

Best-in-Show went to Barbara Israel Bortniker for her oil, "Three Musicians with Steel Guitars and Bass." She is a Bridgewater resident.

Two Ottilie Hann Weiss Awards, presented for traditional painting style, were received by Ronny Salguero of Irvington for his oil, "Tommy" and to Susan Sedio of North Brunswick for her watercolor.

"Rembrandt," Salguero also earned third prize for "Classic," an airbrush drawing and honorable mention for "Fruit and Wine," in pencil.

Winner of the Alumni Award was Laurie Markoff of Linden for her ink drawing, "Escapist." Student winners at the duCret show represented 19 New Jersey localities and were judged in eight categories.

An opening reception honoring the duCret students is scheduled on Sat., July 9, from 5-7 p.m. at Swain Galleries, 703 Watching Ave., Plainfield. The exhibit will continue on Tues.-Fri., 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays to 4 p.m. The duCret School of the Arts,

located in Plainfield, is New Jersey's oldest private art school. For further information, call the duCret School of Arts at 908-757-1711.



Beatrice Avalos of Plainfield N.J. won 1st place with her Linoleum Print "Peacock Feathers," on display at Swain Galleries.

The 67th annual commencement of duCret School of the Arts in Plainfield was highlighted by an art exhibition showcasing the work of this year's graduates. DuCret graduates Vickie Denise Germany of Plainfield, left, and Ross Andrew Miano Jr. of Somerset look over one of Miano's pieces at the art exhibition by 1994 graduates of duCret School of the Arts.

Free summer

festival in Newark

NEWARK—Thursday, July 7, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents a day-long music festival at Military Park, located in downtown Newark.

The festival begins at noon and will feature: Pan Jersey Steel Orchestra 12 noon - 1 p.m. A jazz performance 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The New Jersey Chamber Music Society 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Gospel Choir 5:15 p.m. - 6 p.m. New Jersey Symphony Orchestra 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The festival is sponsored by the City of Newark and Chemical Bank of New Jersey.

Paterson hosts 'First Annual Summer Gospel Picnic'

PATERSON—For all you fun-loving people who are crazy about softball, ice cream, picnics, hot dogs, great

music and summer fun, the crew at WRKS/KISSFM has booked up with J&J Productions, Inc., a gospel music production company from Paterson, New Jersey, to present the First Annual, "Summer Gospel Picnic." Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at East Side Park (located off Route 4). The festivities are free and open to the public.

The event includes a special guest appearance by Savoy Records recording artist, Donald Malloy. Local gospel group "Chosen" will be in concert with other area singers.

The day-long event will also include games, gifts, great food, prizes and other festivities. Vendors, singers, musicians and others interested in playing a part in the picnic/gospel celebration can sign up today. To register for more information, please call (201) 345-6653 or 278-4454.

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The Scoop

by Janice Malone

"When I first heard the album, it brought tears to my eyes. It just goes to show you that no matter how bad things might get, there's always room for something good to happen," says the legendary Curtis Mayfield. The album All Men Are Brothers: A Tribute To Curtis Mayfield, is a project that celebrates not only Mr. Mayfield's music but also a testament to just how enduring his music really is. The album contains 17 selections of some of his best hits, performed by a line-up of music's top superstars. Phil Collins does "I've Been Trying," Whitney Houston performs "Look Into Your Heart," B.B. King does "Woman's Got Soul" and Rod Stewart belts out "People Get Ready." It's a tribute worthy of a musical giant whose career was brought to an unexpected halt in 1990. A sudden gust of wind at a free concert in Brooklyn toppled a lighting rig and the veteran performer in the back, leaving him totally paralyzed. Curtis has always been a consummate businessman throughout his career. Today he owns the publishing rights to all of his songs and most of his solo work, which also includes receiving royalties from any samples made from his music. It's because of his business savvy that he's now able to live comfortably in his fashionable home in suburban Atlanta. He talked to The Scoop recently about his career and his life as follows:

Question: Of the 17 songs on the "All Men Are Brothers" album, is there one or two that you have a special fondness for?

Mayfield: I'd say yes, especially with the song "I'm So Proud" with the Isley Brothers. "Keep On Pushing" was such an inspiring song because it was out during the time of the black power movement. At that time the whole country was like a neighborhood for me. I was traveling a lot then with The Impressions. And during the sixties there would be as many as 10 or 15 different artists together on one tour. There was always lots of friends like Jerry Butler, Major Lance, and B.B. King. There were so many of us youngsters out there working but it was like a big family because we all learned from each other.

Question: How did you feel the very first time you heard one of your songs sampled?

Mayfield: I felt good because it told me that a new generation of artists were listening to my music and wanted to sample it. To me, it meant they had a lot of respect for my work. There was no reason to be upset about it being sampled, just as long as you're given your proper credits and whatever residuals are to be earned because after all, it's still a business deal here. And I'm thankful to them for helping me to continue to make a living.

Question: You've had numerous surgery. Are there any more planned?

Mayfield: Basically, all of that is over. Considering the complications of my condition, the doctors say I'm basically a healthy person. I just happened to be paralyzed. I'm doing this interview while lying down. I seem to have more vocal strength while lying down than sitting up.

Question: How do you keep your optimism so high?

Mayfield: I take it one day at a time. You have your ups and downs. I've got a loving wife; most of my relatives are always around, and my 4 kids. So there's still so much good around in this old tough world of ours. Several of my younger kids are very good musicians. One of my older sons is directly involved with helping me run my publishing company. You know, I've come to accept the fact that life is kinda like the weather, just keep on getting up cause it's gonna change everyday.

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The positive African-American male

by William Reed

"Everybody is looking for a hero, someone they can look up to," are words from a popular song, but African Americans, young and old, would do well to take a look around them and see who, despite similar circumstances of birth place and race, have lifted themselves up by their own bootstraps and gained broad and personal successes.

For the past 167 years, the black newspaper industry has been a voice of the black oppressed, a medium of communication among people of color and an ideal business opportunity for an enterprising business person. If you are looking for a hero, you don't have to look beyond our own community. In

most cases, the community's black newspaper is decades old and in its third, or fourth, generation of family ownership. In many cases, the publisher has had to endure bombings, attempted censorship, reprisals from not only white business people, but local, state and national government officials, as well. Over the years, thousands of blacks have made money, reputations and a mark for freedom through the industry of publishing. Recently Amalgamated Publishers, Inc., which represents black community newspapers in the advertising industry, held a program celebrating modern newspapers' "Living Legends" from Chicago, Miami and San Francisco.

Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett is a

medical doctor who went into the publishing business in 1972. Owner of the San Francisco's Sun Reporter newspaper, Goodlett established the Reporter Publishing Company adding the seven Metro-Reporters to his chain. In 1976, the California Voice became Goodlett's ninth Reporter Publication. As his papers became major forces in California, Dr. Goodlett became friends to occupants in the White House including Presidents Nixon and Carter. Dr. Goodlett, who serves on the Board of Directors of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), has traveled the world promoting peace and disarmament. His Sun Reporter was the first weekly newspaper in America to write about and oppose the Vietnamese War.

Garth C. Reeves began his newspaper career in 1940 with a publication started by his father, the Miami Times. He was a columnist and managing editor before he took the helm of the family news paper. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s Reeves' reputation grew because of the power that the Miami Times was able to wield through America's South East. He has, and continues to, serve on the boards of banks, community and civil rights groups. Reeves has won the Inner City Leadership's outstanding Communications Award. He also put his business skills to work for his industry, serving as Chairman of Amalgamated Publishers from 1988 to 1994.

In the early 1930s John H. Sengstacke was one of only a handful of blacks able to do graduate studies in printing and journalism. In 1934 Mr. Sengstacke was VP and General Man-

ager of The Robert S. Abbott Publishing Company, which had started the Weekly Defender Publication in 1919. Mr. Sengstacke started the Chicago Daily Defender, America's largest circulated black newspaper, in 1956. He has, and continues to, be a frequent visitor in the White House and used his fine organizational skills to found Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, now the

NNPA, in 1940. Sengstacke served seven terms at the helm of the NNPA to make it a vital force in America during the 1940s, 50s, 60s. He founded the Amalgamated Publishers' enterprise in 1961.

All three members of the black "tough team" make themselves available to their communities. A call to their offices in their respective cities will probably yield an outstanding speaker and mentor for people seeking "someone to look up to."

NAMC gets international recognition

An international delegation of minority contractors recently met to address common issues that impact them during the 25th Annual Conference of The National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) in Oakland, California. Among the delegation were a Coalition of Contractors from South Africa, Great Britain and key markets throughout the United States.

Highlights of the conference included:

- South African Housing Delegation attended seeking new ideas to help South Africa shape its new government.
- Great Britain's delegation was represented by a diverse group of people of color from throughout the U.K. According to Joel O'Loughlin, Executive Director of Fulpenbury, "We are impressed by the business management precision and training demonstrated by NAMC in responding to set aside programs and affirmative

action laws which do not exist in the U.K.

- Healthcare Care Reform discussions challenging the Clinton Plan which calls for universal coverage, funded primarily through employer mandates. The impact health care reform would have on minority contractors.
- Military Base closure, opportunities for minority contractors through set-asides, training and preparation to assure significant participation by minority contractors.
- Minorities and Women: Cooperation or Competition, minorities and women would seem to be logical partners in the battle for equal opportunity. However, competition over decreasing contracting opportunities has led to concern over the structure of disadvantaged goal and set-aside programs. Should minority and

women contracting goals be separate?

If so how? What can be done by both groups to address the problems of "fronts" and ostensibly women-owned businesses that are actually controlled by white male family members.

- An exhibit area represented by over 40 major corporations with information on minority purchasing policies with their companies;
- An awards program featuring NAMC's Hall of Fame inductees and recognition of founder award recipients hosted by actor, Richard Grant.

According to Executive Director Sam Carradine, "The conference exceeded our expectations and I'm impressed with our new found international alliances, as well as with the renewed interest demonstrated by the Federal Government through Rodney Slater, the Federal Highway Administrator."



From the Mayor's Desk

Cablevision of Newark covered the Newark and Essex County election results on May 10 and June 14. It will air on channel 3 on Tuesday, July 5, and again on Friday, July 8. This is the first time in history that the voters had an opportunity to observe the outcome of their voting rights on television. Seated in the picture is Mayor Sharpe G. Campbell, Jr. and Cablevision's host, Sandra King. Guests included, councilwoman at large elect, Ms. Mildred Crump, Councilman at large elect, Luis Quintana, and reporters Connie Woodruff and Henry Johnson. Other air dates will be July 12, 14, 19, 21, with Mayor James speaking about the empowerment of Newark. With special guests Glenn Grant, Newark business administrator, Al Faella, director of Neighborhood Services; Elizabeth, E-Z Task Force Members—Carolyn Wallace, Larry Leverett and Kathy Landrum. On July 26, 28, and August 2 and 4, the mayor will be accompanied by Ron Nally, Lightfoot, manager, DORCA; Carmelo Bateman, superintendent of Cultural Affairs; Gail Guy, program superintendent of Entrepreneur Program; Liz Thomases, director of Public Relations Community Foodbank; Kalil R. Al-Handi, South Ward District Superintendent SVEPMOET. Topic of this discussion will be "Summer in the City: work and play."

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ADA to hold training seminars

TRENTON—The Northeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, a federally funded program to provide information and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), will hold a series of seminars for small business owners who will be affected when the second half of the employment provisions of the ADA go into effect July 26.

On that date the employment requirements (Title I) will affect every business which has 15 or more employees.

The seminar will be conducted by experienced ADA trainers and will outline the requirements of the ADA and how it will affect small businesses. Topics to be covered include: What to know, how to comply, cost of compliance, and available tax incentives.

Dates and locations include: Union County College, Cranford, 8:30-10:30 a.m., July 29, United Cerebral Palsy Association of New Jersey, Trenton, August 2, 8:30-10:30 a.m. To register for seminars call 609-392-1348.

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THURSDAY, JULY 7

WASHINGTON, DC—African American Women Tour, Conference, Forum for African American spokeswomen in education, career development, business, and more. Held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information contact African American Women Tour, 619-590-2770.

NEW YORK—The Food Marketing Institute will hold a news conference on supermarket industry issues at the Sheraton Conference from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more info call Eddie Meleski, Dir., Media Relations 202-429-8226. Sheraton Rosebush, Mgr., Media Relations 202-429-4552.

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Charles J. Gliven

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Prudential Foundation donates \$350,000 for Summer programs

NEWARK—The Prudential Foundation has awarded \$350,000 to nine Newark agencies that will fund a variety of employment, educational, cultural and recreational programs in response to the Clinton Administration's call for private industry to create summer opportunities for the nation's youth.

The grants range from \$150,000 to \$25,000 and were made to the following organizations:

\$150,000 to Kids Corporation to support the operation of "Kids Camp" for Newark youth participating in Kids Corporation's educational programs.

\$55,000 to the New Community Corporation to provide employment and training opportunities for children 14 to 18 years of age.

\$32,000 to the Ironbound Boys and Girls Club to provide recreational and educational opportunities for youngsters between the ages of 8 and 18.

\$28,000 to Bessie Green Community, Inc. to provide a recreational and educational program for homeless youth.

\$25,000 to the Newark Private Industry Council to provide supplemental salaries to Newark small business owners as a means of encouraging them to provide meaningful summer apprenticeships for disadvantaged high school students in the city.

\$22,000 to the Salvation Army to organize a late night basketball league five nights a week.

\$18,000 to the Unified Vailsburg Services Organization to provide summer employment and community service projects for youth aged 14 to 18.

\$15,000 to La Casa de Don Pedro to engage youngsters aged 14 to 17 to complete a community service internship, many with other non-profit organizations in the city.

\$5,000 to Theatre Works USA

to support performances and educational workshops for a Newark tour of "Get High...On Life," the substance abuse prevention show designed for children aged 6 to 13.

Nearly \$1 million has been awarded to Newark organizations through the Foundation's summer grants program since it was initiated in 1992. Over 4,000 youngsters are expected to be impacted by the programs this summer.

Prudential Foundation President Gabriella Coleman noted that each of the programs has an important employment, educational, cultural or recreational component, which was a major factor in determining the programs to receive funding.

"Through the work of these community based organizations, we can expand the opportunities for Newark's youth and positively impact their futures," said Coleman.

Youth overcomes obstacles

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under both requirements, he failed one, he didn't graduate with his graduating class; the class of 1993, making him ineligible to compete in the state finals.

Yet, a determined Harrison competed on his own in open events against other athletes, including grown men and college students to qualify for the state finals despite the odds. From the state finals, he advanced to the national championship with only six races under his wings and had actually qualified by his fourth competition. Harrison won the bronze medal, with a school record-breaking time of 46.85 in the 400 meters, his specialty, which put him on the US relay team running the four by four relay and an alternate for the open quarter, 400 meter.

Harrison commented on the state and national competitions. "My friend Maggel, and I had a big argument. He was saying that I was going to get blown out of the race. So, when we came to the race I had all of that stuck in my mind and won in the end. It was a great feeling, but I didn't reach my goal to break the school's record. At the national finals crossing the line was all I remembered and that was a good feeling. When they said I broke the school

record I wanted to do a flip, but I couldn't do one."

But Harrison wasn't born with this silver spoon in his mouth. During his freshman and sophomore years in high school, Harrison struggled inside and outside of school. His academics were below average and he seemed to be headed for trouble as he served detention after detention, cut class and hung with the wrong crowd. So what changed him? Bonnie Harrison, his mother.

"I love my mother and would do anything for my mother. At first I wanted attention, I never sold drugs in my life, but by cutting school and being a pest. My mother sat me down and talked to me. Coach Upperman and his wife and a couple of other staff members helped me out a lot and when I saw others cared about me, other than my mother, I grew up. I grew up for my brothers and sisters. Anybody can change. That's what I had to do to be where I'm at now," explained Harrison.

In the fall, Harrison will be the first person in his family to attend college. He will be attending Essex County Junior College, Newark,

majoring in either engineering or architecture. Because his grades were so poor during his first two years of high school, he didn't qualify for a scholarship. However, several colleges have expressed an interest in the athlete like Arizona State and Seton Hall University.

In order to qualify for the US Team, Harrison had to run a 47.9 or 4.8 flat in the state finals to advance to the national championship, which he ran in 47.75. Harrison then had to either place in the top two or top four in the two relays. Harrison became the sixth person to make it to the National Team. Others include: Chris Percy '78; John Marshall, Tracy Nelson '81; Andrea Johnson '82; and Tony Johnson '83 and now Tyrell Harrison '94.

So what's advice does Harrison give to other youth headed down the wrong path? "You can only do what you do for so long. It'll definitely catch up to you. They need to help the Plainfield community out. Get a job at McDonald's, it doesn't pay much, but as long as you're giving back," said Harrison. And as far as long term goals are concerned Harrison responded, "I'm going to be in the 2000 Olympics!"

Harrison leaves for Buffalo, NY, the week of July 9, where the US relay team will meet for the first time. From Buffalo, he will travel to Canada for a warm up meet to see whether everyone has maintained their conditioning. And then it's off to Lisbon, Portugal to represent the United States. This will be Harrison's first time out of the states and he was given some advice by his mother: When you go to Portugal don't act up or you might get caned.

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"That budget clause is a far cry from an iron-clad promise," said Green. "That language is the equivalent of 50-year guarantee from a fly-by-night real outfit."

"Plainfield's other urban enterprise zone municipalities have good cause to worry about the resolve of the Whelan administration to one day rescind the UEZ funds," said Green. "This administration has repeatedly demonstrated utter insensitivity by undertaking fiscal policies that pass off the state's budget problems to the local level."

"This raid of UEZ money is just the latest in a series of administration—engineered actions that will result in higher property taxes for Plainfield and other municipalities in the coming years."

Besides Plainfield, other communities losing UEZ funds are:

Bridgeton in Cumberland County, \$690,000; Camden in Camden County, \$225,000; Elizabeth in Union County, \$3.3 million; Jersey City in Hudson County, \$3.8 million; Kearny in Hudson County, \$780,000; Millville in Cumberland County, \$285,000; Newark in Essex County, \$1.68 million; Orange in Essex County, \$285,000; Trenton in Mercer County, \$795,000; and Vineland in Cumberland County, \$2,855,000.

"These UEZ funds are supposed to be used to stimulate economic growth and jobs," said Green. "The governor is violating the public's trust by seizing them to balance the state budget and finance her dubious income tax cut."

As I See It

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Mayor Sharpe James woke the crowd with one of his rip roaring state-the-party speeches and later thrilled several dance partners, especially when he led the line for the electric slide.

Assemblyman Willie Brown of Newark and Ciele Poloseno of West Orange took care of business as the jalla-tee-chairpersons. And Reverend Levin West seemed pleased to be performing his clergy assignment, a role he has enjoyed in past years.

Senators Wynona Lipman was surrounded by her usual array of admirers and supporters and guests that included Attorney Al Leizer, VFW vice commandeer Dorothea Lee, Seton Hall University administrator Al Bundy and clerk to the Freeholder Board Adrienne Davis.

Congressman Herb Klein was front and center getting acquainted with his suburban constituents that included Sheriff Fontoura, Freeholder Joe Parlevocchio, West Orange mayor Sam Spina, Senator Ron Rice and West Ward (Newark) vice chairwoman Jeanette Sealbrooks.

Newark councilman-at-large Donald Tucker shared political tidbits with Freeholder Pat Sebald and husband, Bert, Linda Lordi Cavanaugh, county parliamentarian and Pat Drake, Essex County Clerk.

Pat Drake had her share of admirers and critics throughout the long night as people piled her quick questions about the tie vote for county executive.

A friend who resented some of the questions finally observed, "When you're in the public eye there comes a time when you do what you gotta do. People need to understand it's not personal, it's just politics." Amen.

Health care reform

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United States are African-American.

- Comprehensive basic benefits package that is tailored to meet the needs of high-risk groups. Important benefits for our constituents include Medicaid wrap-around coverage for low-income children (below 200 percent of poverty) under the age of 22; dental coverage for children and adults upon effective date of the plan; adequate mental health and substance benefits; long-term care; and women's health benefits with a strong

emphasis on preventative treatment.

- Uniform laws with strict federal enforcement regarding the role of states in health care reform. The federal government shall publish state requirements for health plan certification which requires plans to adhere to anti-discrimination provisions. Certified plans must also provide access to consumers in underserved areas and must stipulate contractual terms and conditions for essential community

and other providers in the plan's service area.

- Consumer protection as well as the ability to measure the quality of care received. Legislation must provide provisions for adequate consumer information; health plan claims review; health plan appeals and state administrative review procedures; and state or federal court action.

"It is important that every African-American take an active role in this campaign so that our health and the

health of future African-Americans will not be bargained away," said Dr. Butcher.

"Everyone should call their senators and representatives in Washington, D.C. at (202) 224-3121 or send them postcards or letters with this message:

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